ding ex-serviceman who has obtained the Army Special Certificate of Education or the corresponding Certificate in the Navy or the Air Force), who has put in not less than 15 years of service in the Armed Forces of the Unions may be considered eligible for appointment to the post for which the essential educational qualification prescribed is graduation and where:—

(i) work experience of technical or professional nature is not essential; and

(ii) though non-technical professional work experience is prescribed as essential yet the appointing authority is satisfied that the ex-serviceman is expected to perform the duties of the post by undergoing on the job training for a short duration.

These instruction are applicable only for the purpose of dirtct recruitment and not for promotion.

Commissioning of Ordnance Factory at Medak

1509. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed ordnance factory at Medak in Andhra Pradesh has since been commissioned; and

(b) if not what is the progress of the construction thereof and by when it is likely to be commissioned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND DEFENCE SUPPLIES (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) The Ordnance Factory at Medak is yet to be commissioned. The implementation is progressing according to the schedules drawn up in consultation with the collaborators. The progress is being closely monitored.

It would not be in the national interest to disclose further details.

Supply of Disembarkation and Embarkation Cards in Indian Languages

1510. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Disembarkation and Embarkation cards required to be filled in by the passengers of Air India are supplied in English only and not in Hindi or any other Indian language;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to get the above cards printed in Hindi and other Indian languages; and

(d) if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These cards are meant not only for Indians but also for foreign nationals. These are being printed in English language as English is the most widely known language amongst the foreigners who form very sizeable proportion of these passengers.

(c) and (d) There is no such proposal before the Government.

Indian Participation in International Efforts is Nuclear Safety

1511. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India are participating in any international effort to discuss and devise safety measures on nuclear energy; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELAPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is actively participating in a series of meeting organised by the International Atomic Energy Agency on issues connected with the safety of nuclear plants.

1512. [*Transferred to the 8th August*, 1986].

Preparation of Electronic Reference Library

1513. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposal from the private sector for preparation of an electronic reference library and information centre and make necessary information available to the clients on payment in the fileds of commercial information, medical consultations, laws, Acts, Gazettes, reported judgements tourism and other useful areas;

(b) whether Government propose to take a pragmatic view towards such a proposal in view of the information explosion the worldover and in view of the fact that no single handed effort including that by Government, can meet the increased need for such services; and

(c) whether Government have any specific policy in this regard or propose to frame a policy, in consultation with the Ministry of Communications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT ATOMIC ENERGY ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Government is not aware of any such proposal.

(b) Government could take a pragmatic view and encourage the efforts in meeting the information explosion.

(c) Commercial vending of open information using the computer communication media is already permitted within the existing policy framewark of the Government and as such, no further policy framework is contemplated at present.

Letters of Chief of the Army Staff to Army Officers

1514. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the text of the letter which the Chief of the Army Staff, General K. Sunderji addressed to the Army Officers on his assuming charge of the office; and

(b) whether General has scrapped any major projects after his taking-over and whether he has made any changes in the uniform of army personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) The main thrust of the letter of the Chief of the Army Staff, addresstd to all the Army Officers, was to impress upon the need for the following:—

(i) developing leadership qualities and human and personal values;

(ii) living in simplicity in personal life and cultivating a wide range of interests/hobbies etc.;

(iii) promoting initiative in subordinates;

(iv) cultivating a sense of pride in the Army and the country;

(v) and, finally, living upto the motto : "The safety, honour and welfare of the country come first, always and everytime; the honour, welfare and comfort of the men you command come next; your own ease, comfore and safety come last always and every-time".